GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
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CONSTRUCTION OF COLD STORAGE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cold storage functioning for storage and marketing of fruits and vegetables in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh at present, State-wise;

(b) whether there is acute shortage of cold storage in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the number of cold storages set up in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh during the year 2000-2001;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up new cold storages in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (f): The total number of cold storages in the country as on 31.3.2001 are 4199. The state-wise details are given in the Annexure-I.

The High Level Expert Committee constituted by the Government of India for identifying the constraints and suggesting remedial measures has identified the creation/expansion of 12 lakh tonnes and rehabilitation/modernisation of 8 lakh tonnes of cold storage capacity and an addition of 4.5 lakh tonnes of onion storage capacity in the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan. In order to give thrust to the cold storage sector, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation have introduced a scheme entitled, `Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Construction/Expansion/Modernisation of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce` Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided in the form of back-ended capital investment subsidy by the National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous body under the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation through National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) and National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) @ 25% of the project cost not exceeding Rs.50.00 lakhs per project and @ 33.33% of the project cost up to a ceiling of Rs.60.00 lakhs per project for North Eastern States. The scheme is demand based and the project proposal is to come from the eligible organisations. The Government do not construct cold storages. The above scheme is operational throughout the country and is not restricted to any particular area/region.

Under the scheme, details of cold storage projects sanctioned, State-wise, during the year 2000-2001 are given in the Annexure-II.

ANNEXURE-I

STATE/UNION TERRITORY-WISE BREAK-UP OF COLD STORAGES IN THE COUNTRY AS ON 31.3.2001.

Name of State/Union Territories	No. of cold storages
Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT)	02
Andhra Pradesh	202
Arunachal Pradesh	00
Assam	19
Bihar	200
Chandigarh(UT)	06
Delhi	96
Gujarat	314

Goa	23
Haryana	201
Himachal Pradesh	16
Jammu & Kashmir	18
Kerala	156
Karnataka	110
Lakshadweep (UT)	01
Maharashtra	368
Madhya Pradesh	174
Manipur	00
Meghalaya	00
Mizoram	00
Nagaland	01
Orissa	71
Pondicherry (UT)	05
Punjab	440
Rajasthan	85
Sikkim	00
Tamil Nadu	94
Tripura	03
Uttar Pradesh	1233
West Bengal	361
Total	4199

ANNEXURE-II

DETAILS OF COLD STORAGE PROJECTS SANCTIONED, STATE-WISE DURING THE YEAR 2000-2001 UNDER THE `CAPITAL INVESTMENT SUBSIDY SCHEME FOR CONSTRUCTION/EXPANSION/MODERNISATION OF COLD STORAGES STORAGES FOR HORTICULTURE PRODUCE`.

NAME OF STATE/UNION TERRITORY	NUMBER OF PROJECTS SANCTIONED
Gujarat	27
Orissa	3
Madhya Pradesh	25
A.P.	18
Maharashtra	11
Punjab	24
Haryana	7
Tamil Nadu	14
Assam	2
Rajasthan	20
Uttar Pradesh	84
Karnataka	8
Bihar	2
West Bengal	7
Delhi	1
Tripura	1
Total	254